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President and CEO of Technology Company pleads guilty to Bribery of a Public Official in D.C. Technology Office case

WASHINGTON - Sushil Bansal, President and CEO of Advanced Integrated Technology Corporation (AITC), has pled guilty to Bribery of a Public Official and to Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Property Derived from Specified Unlawful Activity for his role in a bribery and kickback scheme, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr., Shawn Henry, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office, and Charles Willoughby, Inspector General for the District of Columbia, announced today. Bansal's company, AITC, also entered a plea of guilty to the same charges.

Bansal, 42, of Dunn Loring, Virginia, pled guilty earlier today to the two-count information in U.S. District Court before the Honorable Henry H. Kennedy, Jr. Sentencing was set for July 16, 2010. The maximum penalty for Bribery of a Public Official is fifteen years and the maximum penalty for Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Property Derived from Specified Unlawful Activity is ten years. The applicable sentencing range for Bansal under the advisory United States Sentencing Guidelines is 57 to 71 months' incarceration.

During his guilty plea, Bansal admitted that between September 2005 and March 12, 2009, he and his company paid over \$700,000 in bribes to Yusuf Acar, Farrukh Awan, and to a cooperating witness, who were then employees of the District of Columbia Office of the Chief Technology Officer. Acar and Awan have previously pled guilty. Bansal and AITC paid the bribes in exchange for the public officials: (1) improperly favoring Bansal and his companies, AITC and Integrated IT Solutions, Inc. (IITS), for award of contracts with the Office of the Chief Technology Officer; (2) ensuring that contractors proposed by Bansal, AITC and IITS were approved; (3) falsely approving time sheets and invoices for AITC and IITS employees which represented overbilling; (4) falsely approving time sheets for AITC and IITS employees which were actually "ghost employees" and performed no work; and (5) falsely certifying receipt of software purchased through Bansal and AITC.

Bansal and AITC also admitted to engaging in seventeen transactions, each over \$10,000, that involved the bribe money and which utilized financial institutions.

"The residents of the District of Columbia deserve an ethical government with ethical employees, and have the right to know that their money is being spent honestly and for the public

good,” said U.S. Attorney Machen. “Whenever anyone violates the public trust and breaks the law, we will prosecute them vigorously.”

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Machen, FBI Assistant Director in Charge Henry, and D.C. Inspector General Willoughby commended the outstanding investigative work of Special Agents Mary Gleason, Joseph Gordon, Julie Lenkart and Andy Sekela of the FBI and Special Agent Teddy Clark and the late Special Agent Lloyd Hodge of the D.C. Office of the Inspector General. They also acknowledged the efforts of U.S. Attorney’s Office paralegals Diane Hayes, Tasha Harris and Maggie McCabe, former legal assistant Lisa Robinson, as well as Assistant U.S. Attorneys Thomas Hibarger and Glenn Leon, who are prosecuting this case.

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